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WHILE ALL THE WHILE SINISTER
SECRETS CIRCULATE...

TAKE THE FAME OF BIG STUFF

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BUT, MRS. WARREN, DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT YOUR SON DISAPPEARED VANISHED A MONTH AGO... AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU CALLED THE POLICE?

SOB... I'M AFRAID SO.... YOU SEE... THE NOTE...

MAY I SEE IT PLEASE?

THE HOME OF THE WARRENS... POLICE COMMISSIONER WESTON AND LAMONT CRANSTON IN ATTENDANCE...

THERE WAS ANOTHER NOTE? MADE THE SAME WAY FROM LETTERS TORN OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER?

YES, THEY DEMANDED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. THEY GAVE ME DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO SEND IT

We HAVE Timmy...
if you SQUEAK To the
Bulls... he goes under
6 feet of DIRT
**WAIT for
INSTRUCTIONS**

VERY WELL, MADAM.
WE'LL TAKE OVER FROM THIS POINT. BY THE WAY,
WHO'S THAT CURIOUS PERSON OUT ON THE LAWN HERE?

YOU FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS?

YES, OR THAT IS, MY HUSBAND DID YESTERDAY, BUT... TIMMY HASN'T BEEN RETURNED! WHAT SHALL I DO?

A DWARF?
THAT'S BIG STUFF, THE GARDENER

YES, THAT'S HIM. HE'S A GOOD WORKER. HE HAS WHAT THEY CALL GREEN FINGERS. HE CAN GROW ANYTHING

WHY, YES, OF COURSE. JUST BIG STUFF. BUT WHAT CAN ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH MY BOY?

PERHAPS NOTHING AT ALL. COME, WESTON. LET'S GET TO WORK.

YOU SAY THERE'S JUST ONE DWARF, MRS. WARREN?

I HAVE THE NOTES, FOR ALL THE GOOD THEY'LL DO US. THOSE LETTERS CUT FROM NEWSPAPERS ARE A PERFECT COVER UP. HOW CAN YOU TRACE THEM?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE MUST WORK FAST

WE MUST RECLAIM THE BABY

HA! IT'S WORKING JUST AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD! I'LL SHOW THEM! LATER... I'LL GET THE BOYS TOGETHER...

DON'T TALK SO FOOLISHLY. THAT CHILD IS DEAD AND BURIED! WE'LL NEVER GET HIM ALIVE. WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'VE BEEN DOING FOR A MONTH?



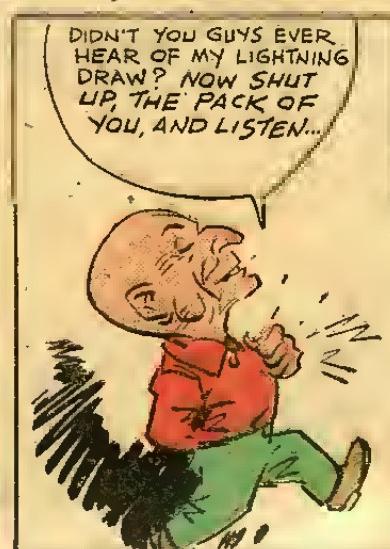
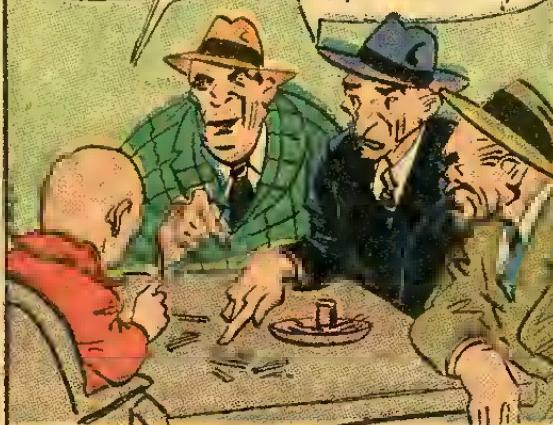
LATER... MUCH LATER...

YOU GUYS A'BEEN
GETTIN' TOO BIG
FOR YOUR BOOTS

LOOK, BIG STUFF,
THEY DON'T CALL
ME CHARLEY HORSE
FER NOTHIN'. I'M SICK
OF WAITIN'. I WANT
MY HUNK NOW!

THAT GOES FOR ME,
DOUBLE IN SPADES!
I WANT MINE

YOU'LL BE GETTIN' YOURS,
TWO TON, IF I HEAR ONE
MORE PEEP OUT OF
YOU! THAT DOUGH'S
HOT, SEE! IT'S GONNA
COOL FIRST!



THINGS ARE GONNA STAY HOT WHILE THEY
LOOK FOR THE BRAT, SEE? WELL, WE'RE
GONNA COOL THINGS OFF... THEN WE CAN
SPLIT THE OUGHDAY! NOW HERE'S HOW...



ACROSS
TOWN...

IT MAKES MY
SCALP CRAWL;
TO THINK OF AN
INNOCENT CHILD
BEING... BUT YOU
DON'T THINK HE'S
STILL ALIVE, DO
YOU?

YES, I DO. BUT I
COULDN'T SAY
SO IN FRONT OF
WESTON FOR
FEAR THERE
WERE ENEMY
EARS NEAR...



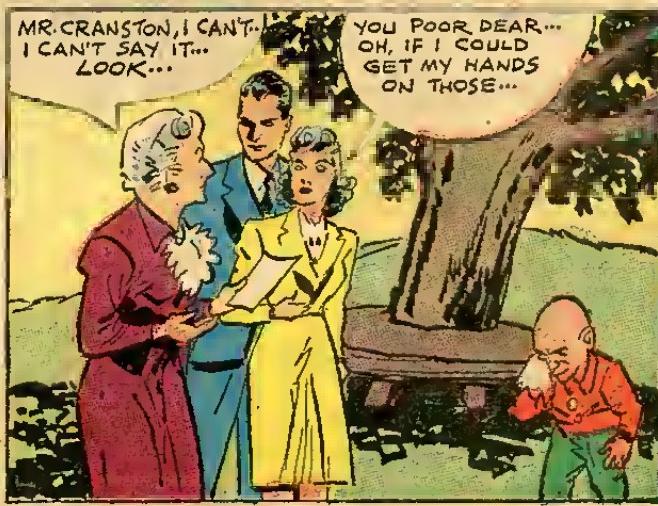
YOU SEEM
TO KNOW
WHERE WE'RE
GOING, BUT I
DON'T

MRS. WARREN
HAS RECEIVED
ANOTHER NOTE...
WE'RE GOING
OUT THERE,
NOW...

MR. CRANSTON, I CAN'T...
I CAN'T SAY IT...

LOOK...

YOU POOR DEAR...
OH, IF I COULD
GET MY HANDS
ON THOSE...



"FOR CALLING IN THE
POLICE, WE SENT YOU A
PRESENT... ONE SMALL
BIER... IT'S OUT IN THE
OLD INDIAN GRAVEYARD
BEHIND YOUR HOUSE!"

'BIER'... THAT'S
A COFFIN...
OH, THEY
DIDN'T... THEY
COULDN'T
HAVE!



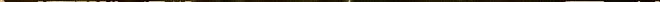
HELP... I HAVE A
SHOVEL, MISTER...
IF YOU WANNA
COME...



COMFORT HER MARGO... AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE CALL WESTON



ANY IDEA WHERE THE GRAVE COULD BE?



SOFT DIRT THEY PICKED... I'LL HAVE THIS UP IN NO TIME

HURRY...



HERE Y'ARE

OPEN IT PLEASE...

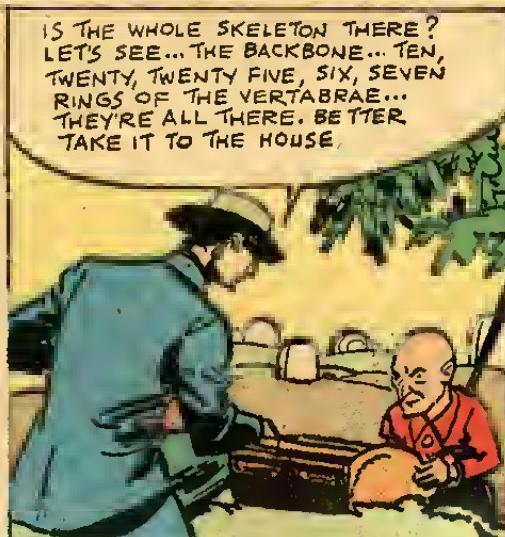


BONES ALREADY... THEY DIDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES...

THEM RATS NEVER DO. YOU WANNA TAKE THIS WITH YOU?



IS THE WHOLE SKELETON THERE? LET'S SEE... THE BACKBONE... TEN, TWENTY, TWENTY FIVE, SIX, SEVEN RINGS OF THE VERTABRAE... THEY'RE ALL THERE. BETTER TAKE IT TO THE HOUSE.

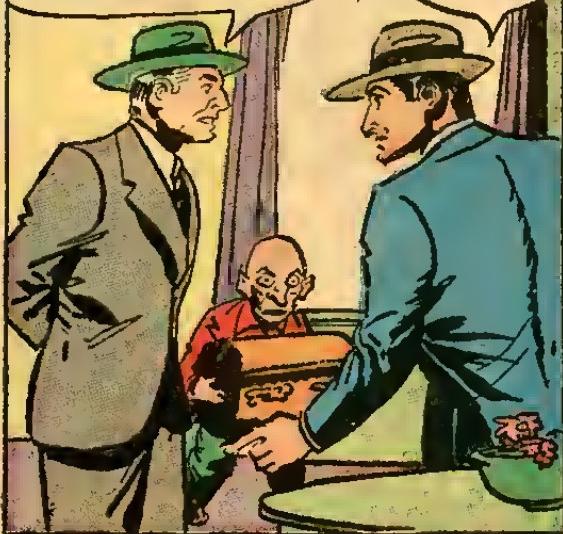


WORKED
LIKE A
CHARM...
NEAT!



WE'D BETTER NOT LET THE MOTHER SEE THIS. I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY MEN TAKE IT TO HEADQUARTERS. I'M SORRY TO SAY YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE CHILD BEING DEAD, CRANSTON

OH, BUT I WASN'T. YOU SEE THE BOY STILL LIVES...



ALIVE BUT...

THIS LITTLE CHARACTER COULD TELL US A BIT MORE...



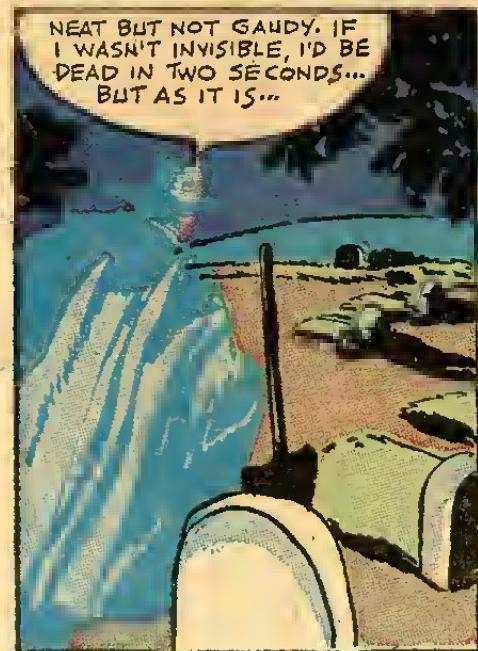
I'LL GET HIM... YOU KEEP THAT COFFIN AS EVIDENCE OF MURDER!



IT IS LAMONT CRANSTON WHO LEAPS OUT INTO THE TREACHEROUS DARKNESS--BUT SECONDS LATER... AN AVENGING FURY RUNS THROUGH THE NIGHT!

HOPE HE HASN'T GOT TOO MUCH OF A HEAD START! OF ALL THE ROTTEN RACKETS! THIS IS A NEW AND MORE HORRIBLE TWIST ON ONE OF THE WORST OF ALL CRIMES





THIS RACKET WAS
TOO PERFECT... I CAN'T
HAVE IT LOOSE UP
NOW... I BETTER TAKE
A POWDER...

ULP,
OH, DONT!

AWK

OUCH!



AH, THE LITTLE
ONE THINKS HE'S
GOING TO BEAT
A STRATEGIC

FIRST
YOU
GOTTA
CATCH
HIM!

I'LL TEAR HIM
LIMB FROM
LIMB... I'LL...

PING
OOOH!
OW
UG



WESTON MUST HAVE
HEARD ALL THAT
RACKET. HE CAN
PICK UP THE BODIES.
I'LL KEEP AN EYE
ON BIG STUFF.

BUT THE SHADOW ARRIVES JUST IN
TIME TO SEE...

A FINE THING!
IT'S A SNUG FIT
FOR HIM... AN OLD
DISUSED WATER
PIPE... I WONDER...



GLOATING LAUGHTER FILLS THE EERIE RECESSES OF THE OLD PIPE--

AT THE WARREN HOME...

THIS THING GOES WAY DOWN... LEADS OUT TO THE RIVER WHERE THE BOAT IS THAT'S DOWN THERE. THE COPS GET RID OF THOSE CRUMBS AND I DON'T SPLIT THE DOUGH!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. BIG STUFF COULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN THIS. HE WAS HERE ALL DAY THE DAY THE TERRIBLE DAY IT HAPPENED!

WHERE ARE THOSE COPS OF MINE? I SENT THEM DOWN TO SEE WHAT THE NOISE WAS...

WESTON, MRS. WARREN, WHERE DOES THAT OLD WATER PIPE COME OUT?

OLD PIPE?

WATER PIPE? WHY IT'S NOT IN USE... IT LEADS TO THE RIVER AND ENDS THERE! DOWN BY THE TWIN OAK TREE!

TWIN OAK...

MY, MY, DOES THAT GENTLEMAN ALWAYS RACE AROUND SO?

ONLY WHEN HE'S CLOSE TO THE END OF A CASE!

DIDN'T I HEAR LAMONT'S VOICE?

YOU DID, BUT HE'S TRAVELING FAST. HE'S GOING DOWN TO THE RIVER. THE TWIN OAKS...







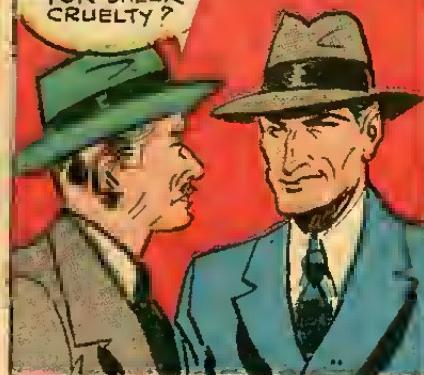
WITH THE CHILD RESTORED TO ITS MOTHER...

YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN. NOW, CAN YOU TELL ME, WHY THESE MEN KEEP TELLING THERE WERE TWO BIG STUFFS?

BECAUSE THERE WERE... ONE IS IN THE RIVER... THE OTHER IS IN THAT SMALL BIER... ONE KILLED THE OTHER AFTER USING HIM TO CONTROL THESE HOODLUMS!

YOU MEAN THAT THEY TRIED TO PASS ONE OF THE TWIN DWARFS AS THE DEAD BABY? BUT WHY? JUST FOR SICK CRUELTY?

IT WAS WORSE THAN THAT... IT WAS FOR MORE PROFIT



THEY KNEW THAT WITH THE POLICE IN, THE HEAT WOULD BE ON. WHAT BETTER WAY TO STOP THE HUNT THAN TO SHOW US THAT HE WAS DEAD?

THEN THEY PLANNED AFTER THE HUE AND CRY DIED DOWN TO LET MRS. WARREN HEAR HER SON'S VOICE...

AND AGAIN MAKE HER PAY RANSOM, YES! A DOUBLE TAKE AND A VICIOUS ONE!

SO LONG..

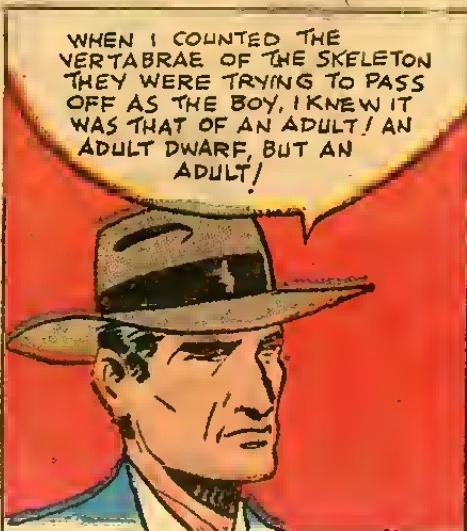
WAIT... YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW YOU KNEW...



WHEN I COUNTED THE VERTABRAE OF THE SKELETON THEY WERE TRYING TO PASS OFF AS THE BOY, I KNEW IT WAS THAT OF AN ADULT! AN ADULT DWARF, BUT AN ADULT!

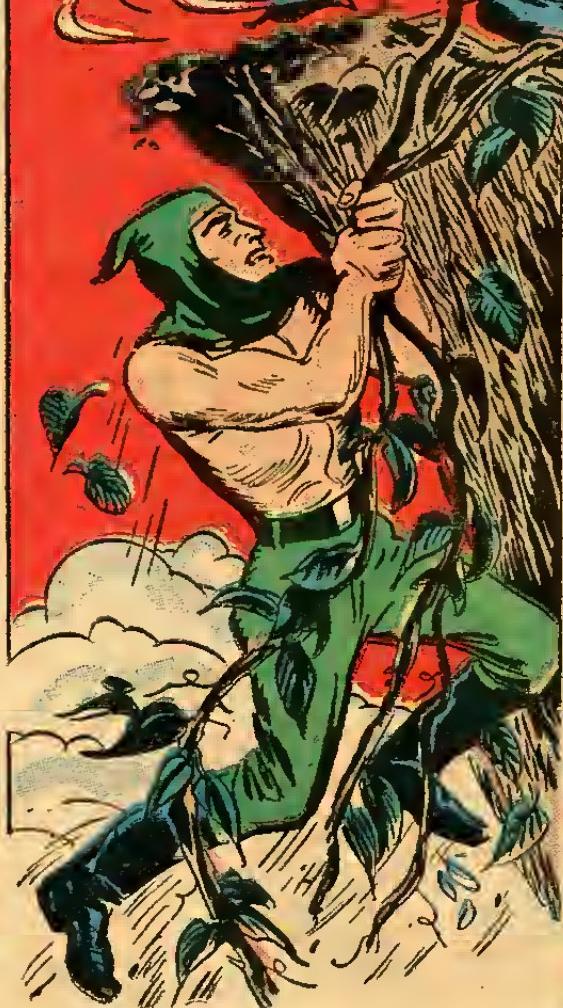
WHEN YOU COUNTED ??????

A BABY HAS 32 BONES IN ITS BACKBONE. AS YOU GROW UP, FIVE OF THE BONES HARDEN INTO ONE. THE SKELETON HAD ONLY 27!



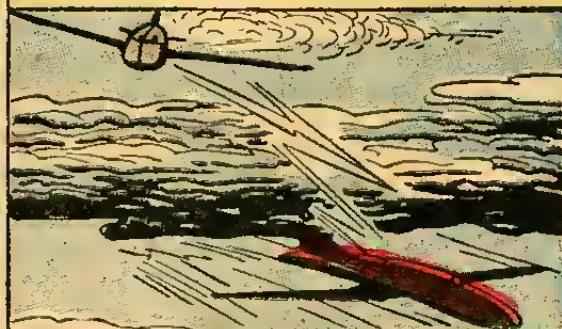
DOC SAVAGE

PURSUIT
OF THE
SKULL!



THE SKULL, VILLAINOUS LEADER OF THE BLACK ROOM SOCIETY, BELIEVES HE HAS KILLED DOC SAVAGE AND NOW CAN LEARN FROM DOC'S ASSISTANTS THE SECRET OF ATOMIC ENERGY. HE KNOWS NOT, HOWEVER, THAT AS HE WINGS BACK TO BLACK ROOM SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS....

...THAT A PLANE FOLLOWING ITS EVERY MOVE BY RADAR IS NOT FAR BEHIND...



...PILOTED BY NONE OTHER THAN DOC SAVAGE WHO MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED THE SKULL'S BOMBS AND BULLETS...

WHAT ARE THE RADAR READINGS, MONK?

THE SKULL IS TRAVELING SOUTH-SOUTH EAST... WE'RE ABOUT HALF A POINT OFF, DOC!



MEANWHILE, THE SKULL NEARING HIS HOME BASE, CONTACTS IT BY RADIO....

SK CALLING ULL...
SK CALLING ULL...
COMING IN AT
NORTH 3.... COMING
IN AT NORTH 3...
MAKE CLEARANCE!

THE MESSAGE IS INTERCEPTED....

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE SKULL'S MESSAGE, DOC?

FOR SOME REASON HE CAN'T HIT THE BASE WITHOUT CLEARANCE THROUGH SOMETHING... ANY SUBSTANCE BEHIND THAT CLOUD OTHER THAN THE MOUNTAIN, MONK?

NOPE... RADAR DOESN'T PICK UP A T'ING BUT, THE CONTOUR O' THE MOUNTAIN, DOC

NEXT SECOND, THEY PICK UP A MESSAGE FOR THE SKULL....

ULL CALLING SK...
ULL CALLING SK...
RADAR POST PICKS UP STRANGE PLANE TRAVELING YOUR COURSE... ALTITUDE 25,000...

WELL... THE SKULL KNOWS WE'RE ON HIS TAIL!

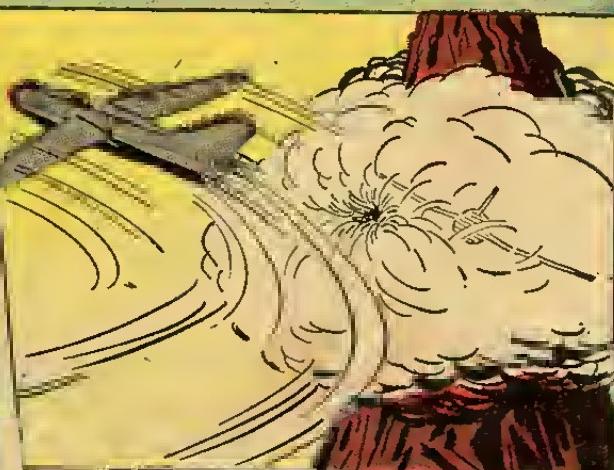
SO WE MIGHT AS WELL DROP DOWN AND SEE HOW HE GOES IN FOR HIS LANDING...

SO SAYING, DOC DIPS THE JET'S NOSE AND DOWN THROUGH THE CLOUD BANK THEY WHIZ TO SEE...

FOR THE LUVA PETE! AMAZING! SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT ASKIN' FER CLEARANCE!

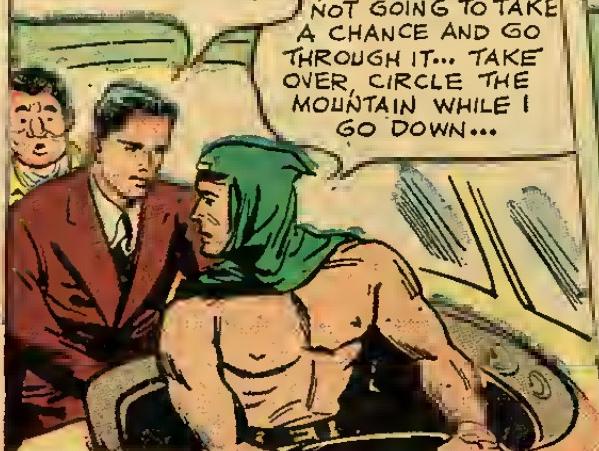
SUDDENLY, AS DOC AND HIS BUDDIES WATCHED, A SMALL OPENING APPEARED IN THE STRANGE CLOUD SUSPENDED AROUND THE MOUNTAIN...

BUT AS DOC OPENS UP TO TRY TO SHOOT THROUGH THE OPENING, VAPOR QUICKLY FILLS IN THE SPACE AND HE PULLS UP JUST IN TIME...



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT CLOUD BANK, DOC?

POSSIBLY A POISONOUS GAS... AT ANY RATE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE AND GO THROUGH IT... TAKE OVER, CIRCLE THE MOUNTAIN WHILE I GO DOWN...



IF I NEED HELP... I'LL SIGNAL YOU WITH THE FLASH MIRROR...

GOOD LUCK!

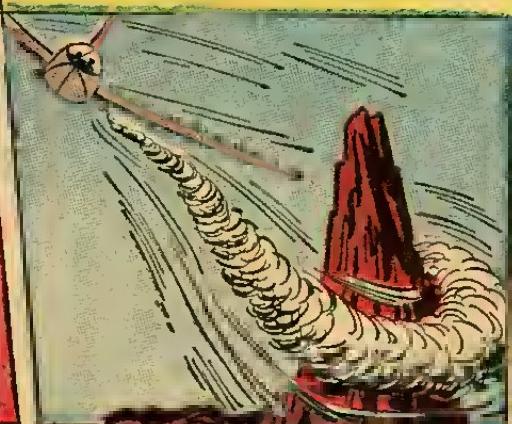
CAREFUL!

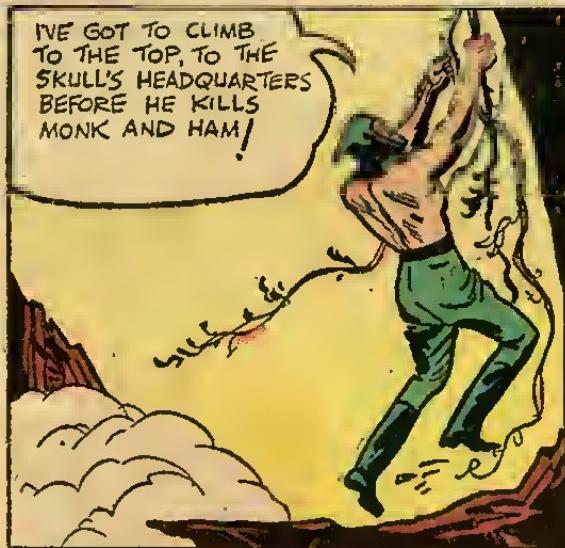


THE NEXT INSTANT...



BUT AS DOC LEFT THE PLANE... A STRANGE THING HAPPENED... THE STRANGE CLOUD SUDDENLY CAME TO WHIRLING LIFE, SPINNING TOWARD DOC'S PLANE....







DESCENDING TO THE BLACK ROOM, DOC, PROTECTED BY THE DARK, SEES MONK AND HAM LOCKED IN A HUGE GLASS TANK BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK ROOM SOCIETY...



A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SKULL HAS TURNED ON THE WATER, WHILE DOC SILENTLY MAKES HIS WAY AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE AND ASCENDS THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY TO THE CEILING ON ONE OF THE ELEVATORS...



AS HIS PALS GRAB THE LIGHT CHAINS, DOC LETS GO AT THE GLASS WITH HIS MACHINE GUN AND...



AND THE NEXT INSTANT, THE SKULL BREATHES HIS LAST VILE BREATH....



HI... DOC! ... BOY... I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE GONERS!



NICK CARTER.. CHESS MASTER!

NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER THERE ARE STORIES THAT CAN BE TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME..TAKE THE ONE THAT NICK CARTER TOLD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INNER CIRCLE ABOUT HIS SUCCESSFUL IMPERSONATION OF A GESTAPO HEAD..



I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, NICK--THAT WE IN G-2 ARE WORRIED STIFF--REPORTS HAVE COME IN FROM GERMANY THAT THEY HAVE FOUND ATOMIC POWER!

NO! GOOD GRIEF THAT'LL WIN THE WAR FOR THE LICE!

IT STARTED DOWN IN WASHINGTON D.C.

THAT MAN, NICK, IS ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE GESTAPO--WE HAVE CAPTURED AND BROUGHT HIM TO THIS COUNTRY. AS FAR AS WE KNOW THE GESTAPO DOESN'T KNOW OF HIS CAPTURE YET...

I SEE...

YOU, NICK CARTER ARE THE LAST CHANCE WE HAVE!

WHO'S THIS? IT'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF ME! BUT IN A GESTAPO UNIFORM!

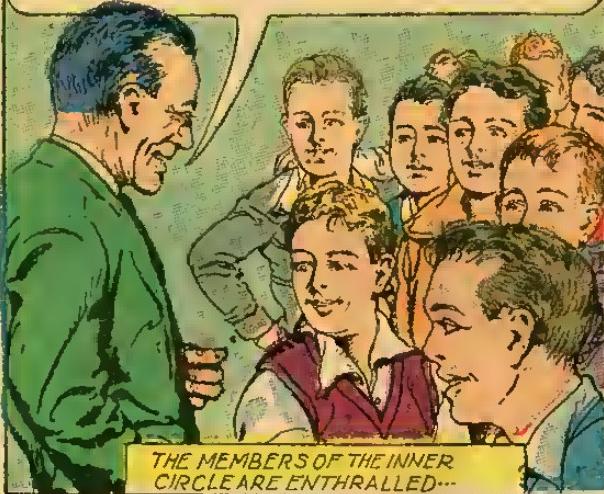
THERE'S A LOT OF IF'S IN THIS, NICK--AND IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG...

I KNOW, I'M A DEAD DUCK. LEAD ON MACDUFF.

IN THIS CASE ARE ALL THE BACKGROUND FACTS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT HISTER, THE MAN YOU ARE IMPERSONATING. YOU'LL HAVE TIME FLYING OVER TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR FACTS...

RIGHT. KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED...

'YOU MAY WELL BELIEVE THAT I STUDIED THOSE PAPERS AS I HAVE NEVER STUDIED ANYTHING. I WAS TO BE DROPPED INSIDE BERLIN AS ANOTHER MAN. I HAD TO KNOW WHEN HISTER, WAS BORN, WHERE I WENT TO SCHOOL. A THOUSAND FACTS... HOWEVER, I CHUTED DOWN...



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ABOUT HAVING SPOTTED SOME ALLIED
SABOTEURS AND HOW I TRACKED THEM
DOWN AND REMOVED 'EM. HE WAS
HAPPY ABOUT THAT. THEN I GOT MY
FIRST LEAD...

HANS, WE ARE CLOSE, SO CLOSE TO THE
ATOMIC BOMB.. WHEN WE GET IT. THE WORLD
IS OURS. I WANT YOU TO GO AND GUARD
THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE AT WORK.
GO AND REMEMBER, THE FATE OF THE
THIRD REICH DEPENDS ON YOU!

I'LL REMEMBER...



NICK EXPLAINS TO THE MEMBERS...

SOMEHOW THE SECRET IS TIED UP
WITH THE ANTI NAZI GROUP NUMBER 200.
WE KNOW THAT, THE ALLIES KNOW
THAT. WE MUST BEAT THEM
TO IT....

SO THEY HAVEN'T
GOT IT YET. ALL
I HAVE TO DO IS
LOUSE UP THE WORKS
SO THEY CAN'T GET IT
IN TIME...



NICK DESCRIBES THE LABORATORY...

HANS! HOW ARE YOU?
WHAT ABOUT SOME
MORE CHESS, OLD MAN?

BUT WHAT
CAN I DO...
LET'S SEE...



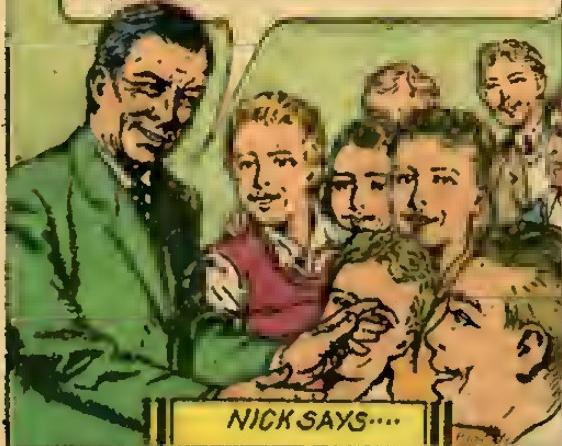
DAYS PASSED



AND THEN IT HAPPENED!



I MADE ALL SORTS OF PLANS. BUT THEY WERE ALL FATED TO MONK UP, FOR I WAS KEPT ON THE HOOP EVERY MINUTE.. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT A CHESS BOOK. SOON.. TOO SOON, IT WAS THE NEXT NIGHT. EVERY NAZI DIGNITARY WAS AT THE PARTY....



YOU KNOW OF THE FEUD BETWEEN US AND THE REGULAR ARMY MEN, FOR OUR HONOR, YOU HAVE TO BEAT THOSE ARMY MEN AT CHESS, SIR.

YES, I KNOW ONLY TOO WELL. LEAD ME TO IT!



LET'S SEE.. ALL I KNOW ABOUT CHESS IS, THE PERSON WITH THE WHITE CHESSMEN MOVES FIRST...

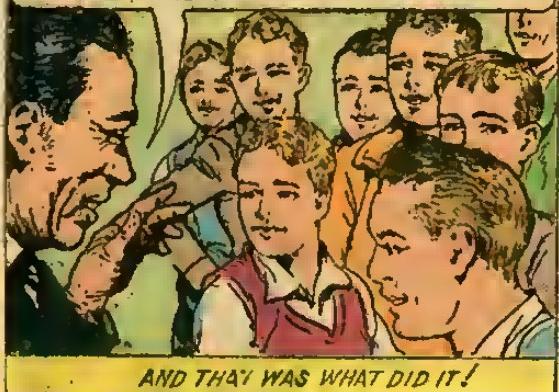


GOOD EVENING.. WE ARE ALL READY.



IT WAS THEN THAT I GOT MY IDEA! AND IT WAS A HONEY! IT ALLOWED ME, WHO KNEW ABOUT CHESS, TO BE SURE I COULD BEAT AT LEAST ONE MAN!

I WENT AHEAD....



PERHAPS I SHALL NOT BEAT BOTH OF YOU.. BUT IT IS A SURETY THAT I WILL BEAT ONE OF YOU!

GESTAPO SHOW OFF. WE WILL BEAT HIM.. BOTH OF US WILL!



AND THAT I BELIEVE,
IS A CHECKMATE!

YAH..
BLAST THE LUCK..
SO IT IS!

SO YOU DO--NEXT TIME
I WILL BEAT BOTH OF YOU
AND NOT JUST ONE!

I THINK
I CHECK
YOU!

TWO HOURS LATER...

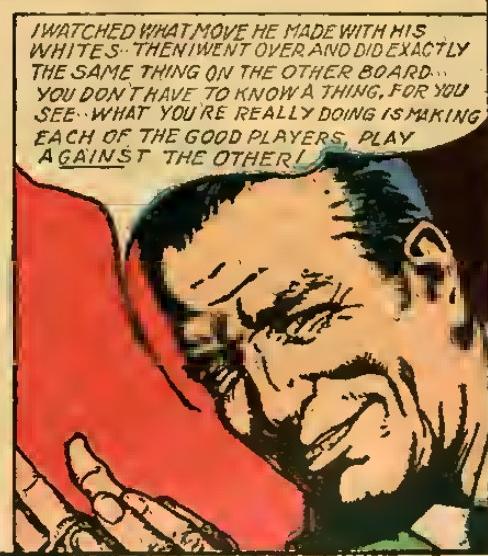
NOW IF MY TIMING WORKS OUT RIGHT..
IT SHOULD GO OFF ABOUT THE SAME TIME
THE AIR RAID STARTS.. THAT'S IN
TEN MINUTES ...

THEY ARE GETTING CLOSER
TO ATOMIC POWER ALL THE TIME..
I THINK A SLIGHT ACCIDENT
SHOULD BALL UP THE WORKS...

THE BEST PLACE
FOR ME IS AS FAR
AWAY AS I CAN GET...

WITH THAT BEHIND HIM,
HE WENT AHEAD WITH HIS SABOTAGE...

WHEW--THAT WAS
DRAWING IT PRETTY FINE..
BUT THAT BOMB OF MINE
WILL BE MISTAKEN FOR AN
AIR BOMB DROPPED BY
PLANE.. I HOPE...



Inner Circle



"PROMISE OF DEATH . . ."

"On the surface the case was such a clear cut one. A man named Johnny Curtis, down and out, spent his last nickel for a frozen ice on a stick and then went upstairs and when he finished the ice, he turned the gas on and laid down and died.

"That's the way it looked and that's the way it would have gone down on the record if, about four days ago, a claim hadn't been entered against the gas company. They called me in. The people who brought the claim had a promissory note from Johnny, the dead man; and they were threatening to sue the gas company for contributory negligence to manslaughter!"

"SUICIDE OR . . .?"

"I went to the room where the dead man had died of gas poisoning and looked around. It was the room of a guy that was really on his uppers. There wasn't a hockable thing around that hadn't already been hocked. He was broke with a capital B. And curiously enough, that was what the men who were suing, were basing their case on. They claimed that the nickel that Johnny spent for the frozen ice was his last cent and that being the case, where had the gas come from?

"The room had one of those quarter gas meters in it. It had been off for weeks, everyone in the rooming house knew that, for Johnny had tried to borrow quarters from all of them, that last day of his life. . . .

The members of the Inner Circle looked up in surprise at that. Chick went on. "The col-

lector had been around the previous month, emptied the box, and no new quarters had been deposited!

"That threw the whole thing right back into the laps of the gas company. If there was no money in the box, then Johnny could not have turned the jets on. And even if he had, no gas could have come out to kill him. . . .

"PERFECT CRIME?"

"The police in the meantime had investigated the bad boys who were trying to sue the gas company. They were plenty bad boys. From gossip the cops picked up, the dead man had been in a jam. He had lost plenty of dough-re-mi to the bad boys, gambling. They had held his I.O.U.'s for plenty.

"It seemed pretty obvious to me that the crooks, knowing that no court of law will honor gambling debts, had made Johnny sign a promissory note for the amount of the I.O.U.'s.

"That being the case, had the bad boys rigged the death just so they'd be able to collect from the gas company? With that in mind I went back to the room that had been the scene of the death and looked things over again. While I was engaged in finding exactly nothing, I heard a high pitched giggle behind me.

"I whirled around and saw one of the oldest men I have ever seen in my life. As it turned out he was my luck. If it hadn't been for him I think the gas company might have paid the claim.

"But all the old man said was, "Hee, hee. Fooled them consarn gas men, eh?"

"How's that?" I asked. He giggled in his high pitched voice and said something about the fact that the reason there was no money in most of the gas money boxes was because water melted. That was all.

"You see what it meant? I'd forgotten about the oldest method in the world to fool a slot machine like the gas meter. You get a small hunk of ice and melt it in your hands till it's roughly the shape of a quarter. Then you drop it into the slot. It's weight is enough to trip the device that turns the gas on . . . and you're all set!"

Beef interrupted, "Gee, that's cute, you mean this dead guy made an 'ice' quarter and dropped it into the slot in order to kill himself, eh?"

Chick grunted, "Yeah . . . simple isn't it? That's what I thought. I got the gas men there and told them my idea. They looked at me as if I were a simpleton. One of them said of course they'd thought of that, it was one of the first things they thought of in a poor section like that. But they were sure from the lack of rust in the box, from the fact that there was no stain in the box that my idea had not been used."

"IMPASSE!"

"They took the box out and showed it to me. There certainly was not the slightest sign of anything having been done. The inside was all clear. One of the men said that if ice had been used it would still have been water by the time they looked. Water didn't evaporate that fast!

"Believe me I did some fast thinking. I had told the gas company, when I thought of the ice gag that I was sure the whole thing could be cleared up that day. That put me in a neat spot! I might very well have stayed on that spot if it hadn't been a pretty hot day!

"I passed one of those stands on wheels that sell frozen drinks on a stick and I bought one. That solved the whole bizarre case for me. That and the lead the old man had given

me. I stood there like a dope with the frozen ice in my mouth and watched the man push the little cart away down the street before it suddenly hit me like a thunderbolt."

"DEATH ON A STICK"

"In the first place it was a case of suicide pure and simple, and not murder. The wise guys, once they heard about the circumstances of the death decided to see if they couldn't collect on their promissory note despite the fact that Johnny was dead. It was not their fault that the case was so baffling.

"You see, I had been right the first time, after all where in the world would a guy in a furnished room get ice? They don't have ice boxes or electric refrigerators.

"He would have had to borrow the ice from someone. Well . . . that was the case, as I found out soon enough. The person he got the ice from hadn't given another thought to it. . . ."

Chick got up and looked at his wrist watch. "Phew, I have to get a wiggle on, I have to meet Nick down at the station with some papers, he's going right out of town again."

He put his hat on and was heading for the door before Beef yelled out, "Hey Chick! What goes? You can't leave us this way right in the middle of the case!"

Chick paused at the door, grinned, and said, "Oh that, I thought you got that! Don't you see, all I had to do was find an ice that's not made out of water and evaporates without a trace!"

"Darn it," said Sue, "I should have thought of that! Of course, the man who sold the ices on a stick!"

Chick nodded and started out again. Beef called, "No . . . I still don't get it!"

"There's only one kind of ice that fits the specifications! And the ice peddler used it to keep his stock cold! Dry ice! Johnny made his ice quarter out of that!"

"But it burns your hands . . ." Beef said.

Chick threw the last words over his shoulder as he ran out. "That's right, we found the burns on his hands but didn't know what they were. That was the proof I was right!"

Western
Gun
Fighters

SHERIFF BAT MASTERSON

by CHARLES
WESSELL

"The Fox of the Cow Country"

ONE OF THE CRACK GUNMEN OF THE OLD WEST, BAT MASTERSON, PROVED THE PEN TO BE MIGHTIER THAN THE PISTOL, BY BECOMING ONE OF AMERICA'S ACE SPORTS WRITERS.

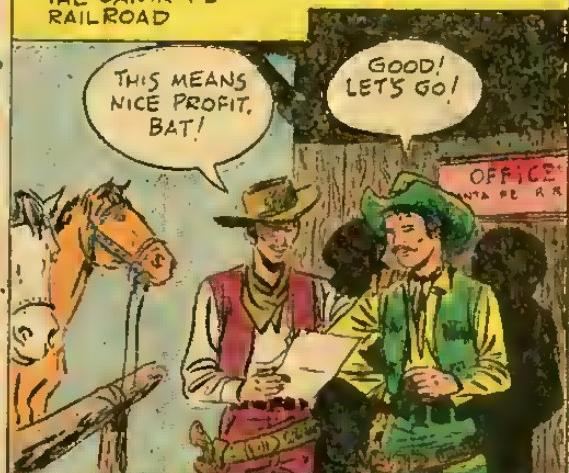
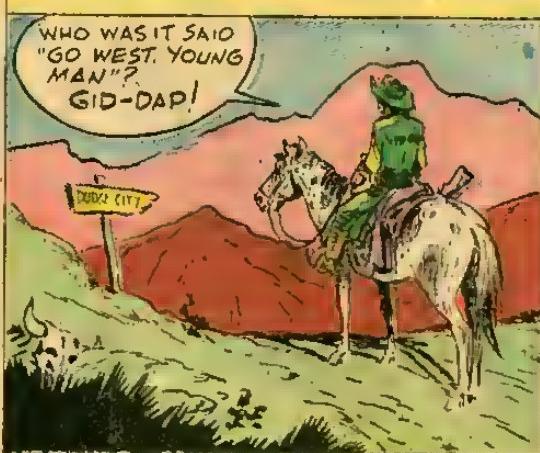
THEY'RE BOTH KILLERS!

SHERIFF'S TOO QUICK FOR THEM!



BORN IN ILLINOIS IN 1855, WILLIAM B. MASTERSON SET OUT FOR THE KANSAS INDIAN COUNTRY WHILE STILL A BOY

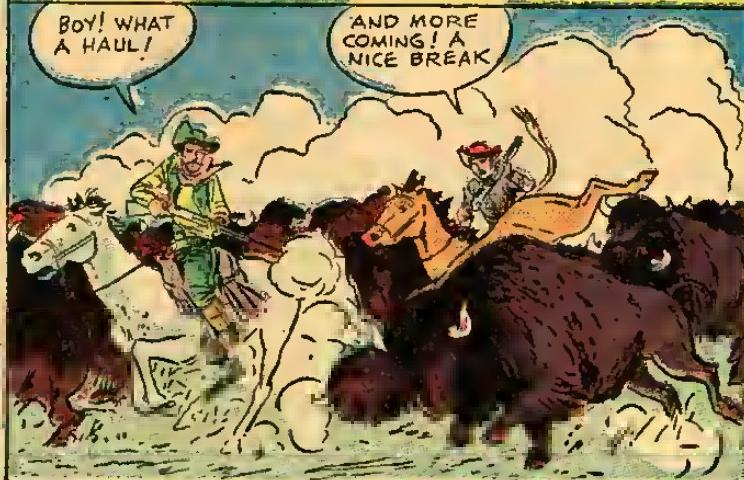
BAT MET UP WITH A "PAL" ON THE WAY AND THEY TOOK A GRADING CONTRACT WITH THE SANTA FE RAILROAD



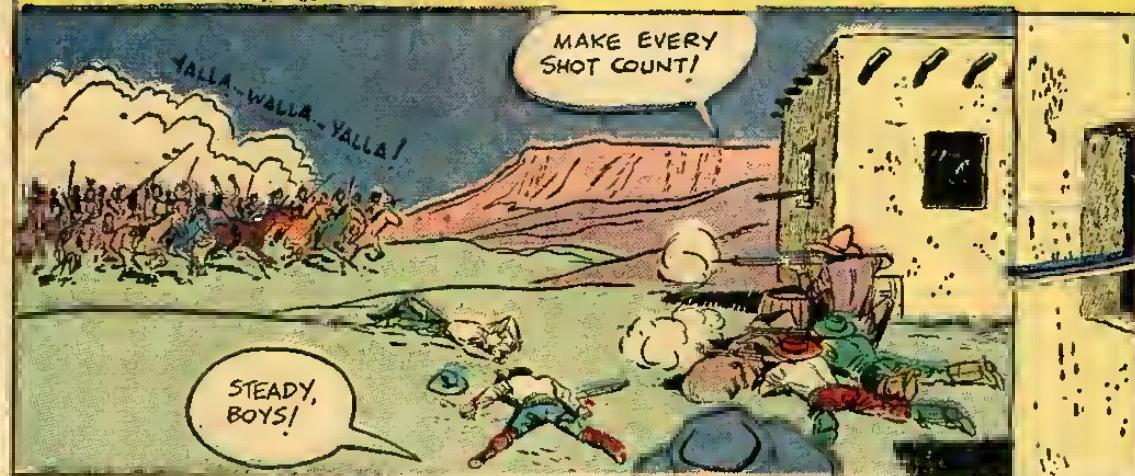
THEY MADE OUT FINE, BUT BAT'S
"PAL" SKIPPED WITH THE PROFITS



AFTER KNOCKING AROUND DODGE CITY AWHILE, BAT WENT IN
FOR BUFFALO HUNTING, WHICH WAS ADVENTUROUS AND PROFITABLE



BUT LATER, BAT ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE WHEN 500 COMANCHE AND CHEYENNE
INDIANS ATTACKED THE BUFFALO HUNTERS' OUT-POST AT ADOBE WALLS



BUT BAT AND HIS HEROIC GROUP OF LESS THAN 30 MEN STOPPED THE INDIAN DRIVE WITH
STAGGERING LOSSES



LATER, BAT RETURNED TO DODGE CITY. HE WAS A CRACK SHOT, BUT NEVER LOOKED FOR A FIGHT. CONSEQUENTLY THE PEOPLE ELECTED HIM SHERIFF, THOUGH HE WAS NOT YET 21 YEARS OLD. BAT BELIEVED IN USING YOUR HEAD BEFORE RESORTING TO THE GUN



NOT LONG AFTER, A VICIOUS GANG STAGED A DARING TRAIN ROBBERY NEAR DODGE CITY

BUT THEY RECKONED WITHOUT BAT, WHO CALMLY ORGANIZED A POSSE, AS A BLIZZARD SET IN

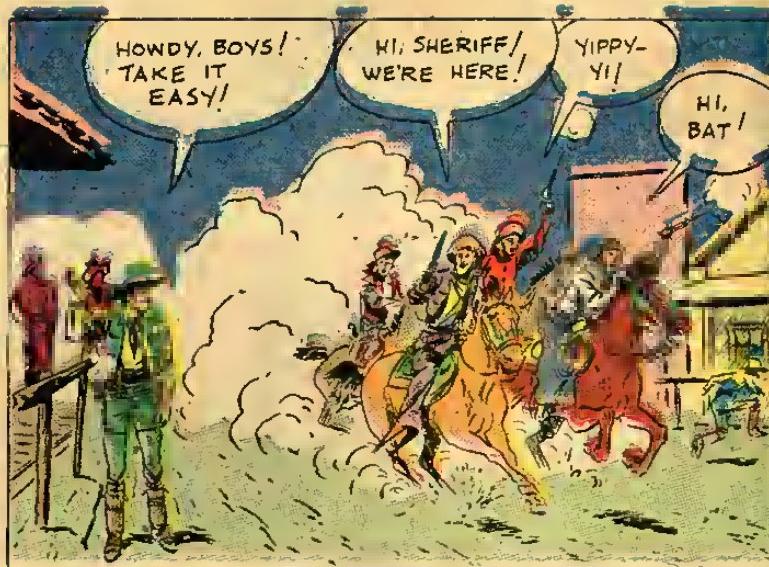


THE FOXEY BAT FIGURED THE BANDITS WOULD CIRCLE AROUND TO AN ABANDONED COW CAMP BECAUSE OF THE STORM.

THEREFORE, BAT INSISTED ON LEADING HIS POSSE THERE TO HEAD THE BANDITS OFF



BAT HAD A WAY WITH THE TOUGH, RIP-ROARING COW-BOYS AND TRAIL-DRIVERS FROM TEXAS. DODGE CITY WAS THE TRAIL'S END—BAT LET THEM "BLOW OFF STEAM" SO LONG AS THEY HELD RESPECT FOR LAW.



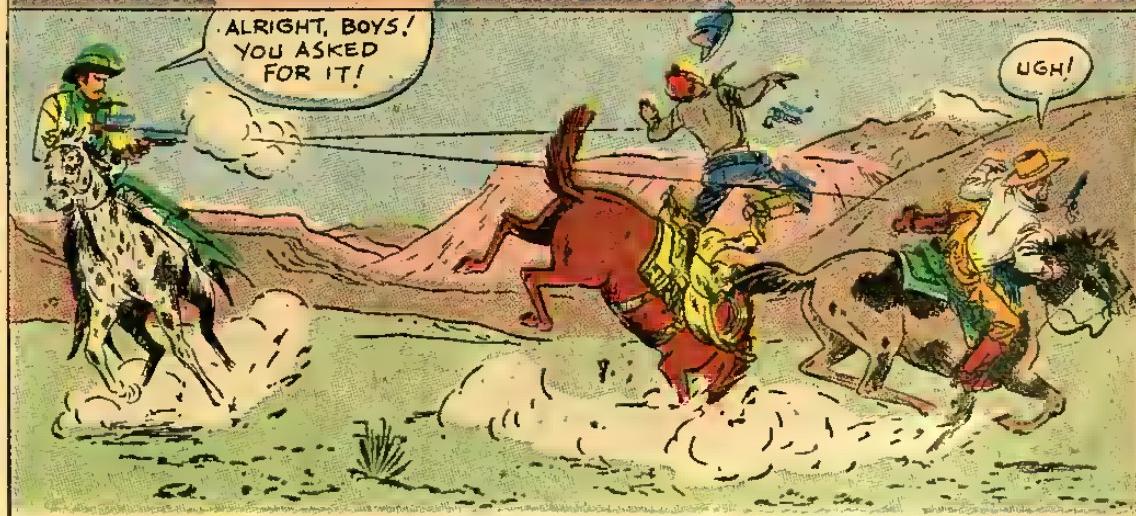
BUT DODGE HAD ITS SHARE OF OUTLAWS AND DESPERADOES. TWO OF THESE MURDERED BAT'S YOUNGER BROTHER AND ESCAPED JUST BEFORE BAT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.



BAT CAUGHT UP WITH THE KILLERS OUTSIDE OF TOWN



BUT BAT'S DEADLY ACCURACY EVENED THE SCORE AND BOTH KILLERS "PAID THE FIDDLE."





AFTER MAKING A FINE RECORD AS SHERIFF AT DODGE, BAT TOOK A FLING AT RUNNING A DANCE HALL. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO MAKE THEM CHECK THEIR GUNS AT THE DOOR."

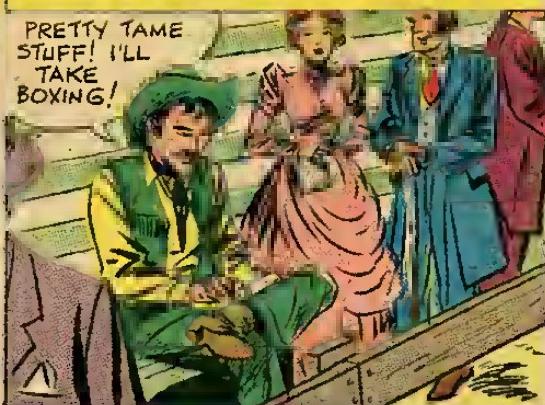
BAT MASTERSON WAS INTENSELY LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS. HE SPARED NO PAINS TO GET THEM OUT OF TROUBLE.

WHEN ONE OF THEM LAY WOUNDED, AFTER A FIERCE GUN FIGHT, THERE WAS TALK OF LYNCHING. BAT ACTED FAST...



RESTLESS, BAT LATER WENT ON TO DENVER, WHERE HE TOOK A GREAT INTEREST IN SPORTS.... PARTICULARLY IN PRIZE-FIGHTING

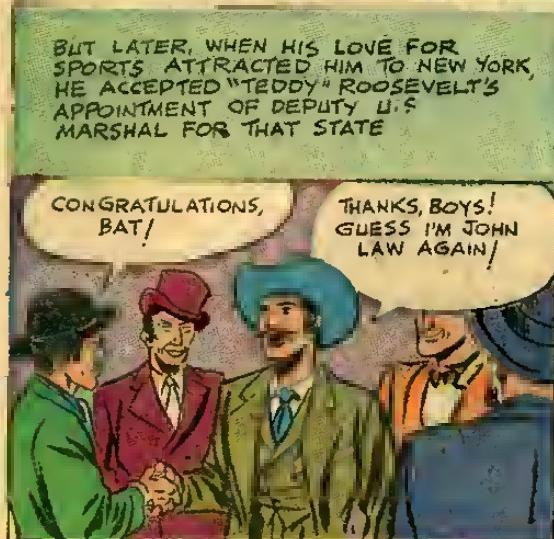
BAT LIKED TO PUT HIS OBSERVATIONS IN WRITING AND DID A SWELL ARTICLE ON AN ENGLISH CRICKET MATCH HELD IN DENVER



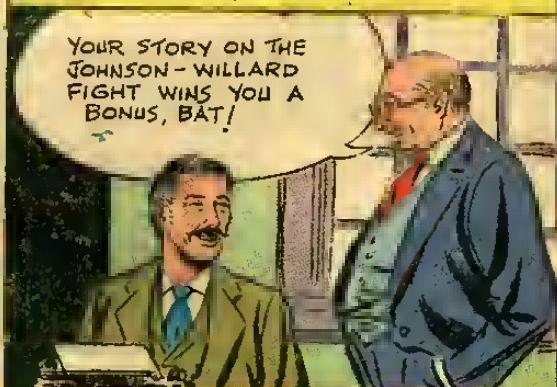
BAT'S INTEREST IN SPORTS GREW WITH THE YEARS, AND HE PUT HIS GUNS AWAY. BUT PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WHO GREATLY ADMIRER BAT, OFFERED HIM THE POST OF U.S. MARSHAL FOR OKLAHOMA, WHICH BAT POLITELY DECLINED



BUT LATER, WHEN HIS LOVE FOR SPORTS ATTRACTED HIM TO NEW YORK, HE ACCEPTED "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT'S APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR THAT STATE



BUT BAT'S SPORTS ARTICLES ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF N.Y. EDITORS AND HE BECAME ONE OF THE BEST SPORTS WRITERS IN THE GAME



AND SO, WHEN BAT MASTERTON DIED AT HIS DESK AT THE N.Y. MORNING TELEGRAPH ON OCT. 25TH, 1921, THE 66-YEAR OLD FORMER GUN-FIGHTER REALIZED HIS AMBITION TO "DIE WITH HIS BOOTS ON"

BUT THEY WERE THE "BOOTS" OF A GREAT WRITER, WHOSE PEN PROVED MIGHTIER THAN HIS PISTOL.



The Shadow

The WINGED DAGGER



DEEP IN THE STORIED AND MYSTIC FASTNESS OF OLD TIBET, THE SHADOW TANGLES WITH AN IMPOSSIBLE CRIME.. IS IT MURDER BY MAGIC OR A CRUEL AND TRICKY KILLING? ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS!

SOLVING THAT PROBLEM GIVES THE SHADOW THE ANSWER TO AN OLD IDEA OF HIS...
...THE SOLUTION OF HOW HE CAN BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!!

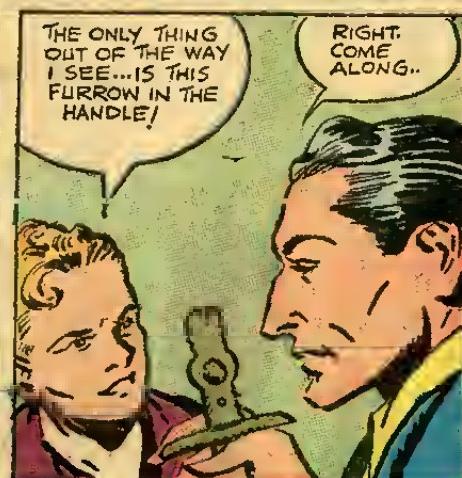
DEAR MR. CRANSTON... YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME. MY FATHER SAID YOU ARE THE ONLY LIVING FRIEND HE HAS... OR HAD...

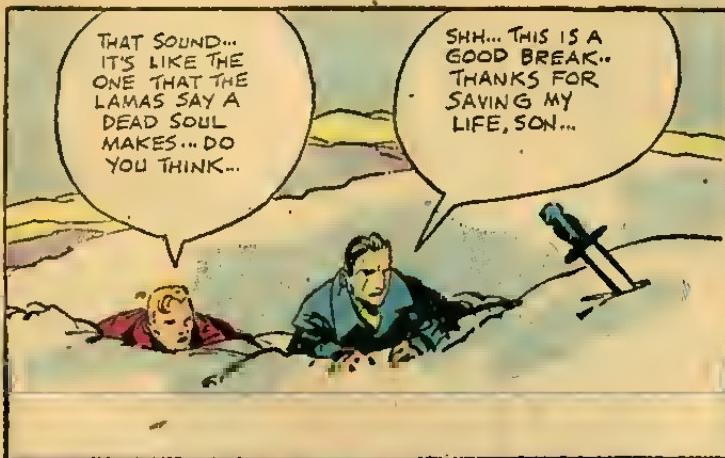
TWENTY MINUTES MORE, SIR, I SHALL BE ABLE TO LAND ON THE PLATEAU OUTSIDE THE LAMASERY...

THE SHADOW NOW HAS AN ASSISTANT—A BOY FROM THE FAR EAST WHO KNOWS THE SHADOW'S GREATEST SECRET—WATCH CAREFULLY FOR THESE AMAZING STORIES.









A HUT AND A HANGAR... THEY CAME PREPARED TO STAY...

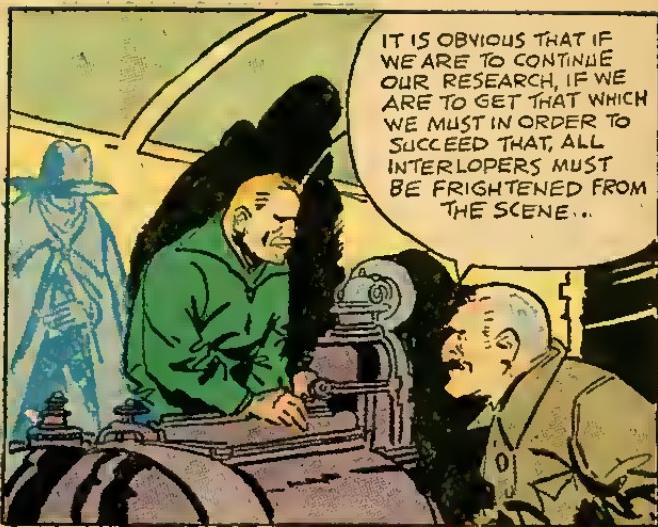


WHEW... A CYCLOTRON... TRANSPORTED HERE PIECE BY PIECE BY PLANE... I WONDER HOW CLOSE THEY ARE TO SUCCESS?



WE WILL KILL THEM AS WE KILLED THE FIRST... THE STUPID NATIVES WILL THINK IT IS WITCH-CRAFT AGAIN...

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE OUR RESEARCH, IF WE ARE TO GET THAT WHICH WE MUST IN ORDER TO SUCCEED THAT, ALL INTERLOPERS MUST BE FRIGHTENED FROM THE SCENE...



SOMEONE ELSE WHO HAS THE SECRET OF INVISIBILITY! HMM... THIS IS THE COUNTRY WHERE I LEARNED THE SECRET...

WHAT'S THAT? HOW DID THAT DOOR OPEN?



I COULDN'T STAND WAITING, SIR. I LEARNED THIS FROM THE LAMA!

SHHH... THEY'RE LOOKING THIS WAY...



I HEAR VOICES... IS THIS VERDAMPT COUNTRY MAKING US ALL MAD?



LET'S GO, SON...
THESE ARE THE
MEN WHO KILLED
YOUR DAD!

GULP...

A SHOT FROM
NOWHERE! THIS
IS MAGIC... AND
WE SNEERED
AT IT!

MY CHIN...
AN INVISIBLE
HAND!

BANG!



THAT CYCLOTRON THEY
WERE WORKING WITH...
IT MUST BE DESTROYED...

YOU
DIRTY
RATS...

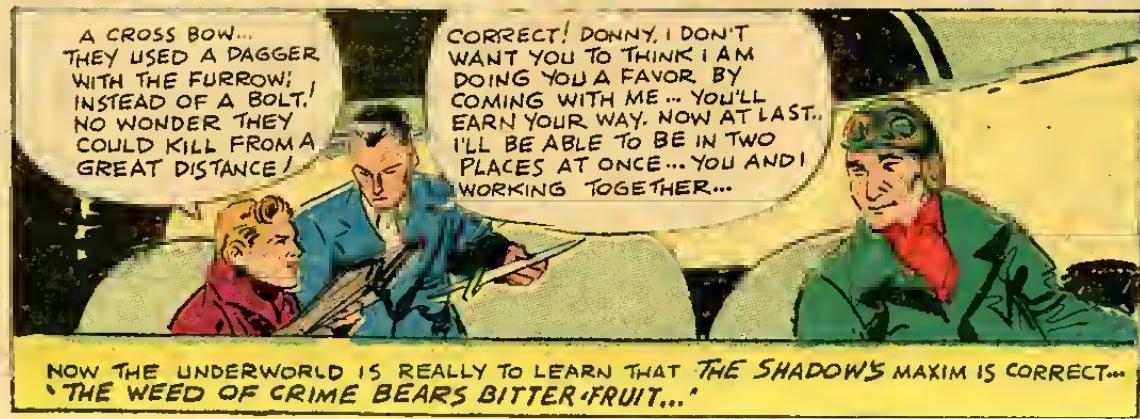
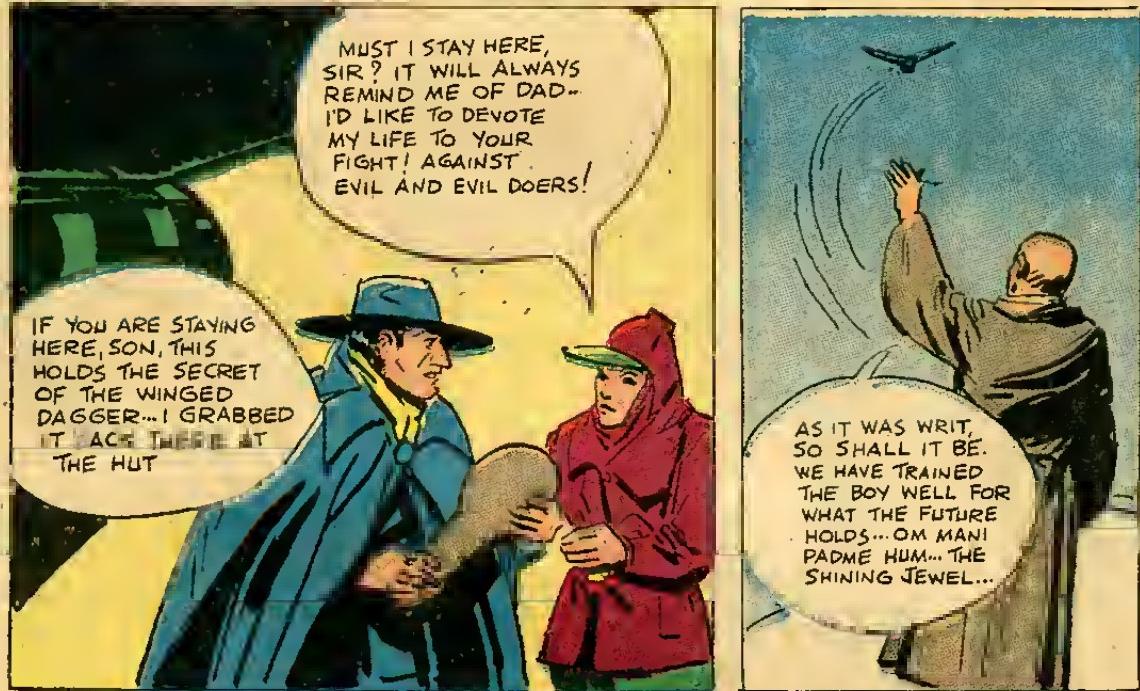
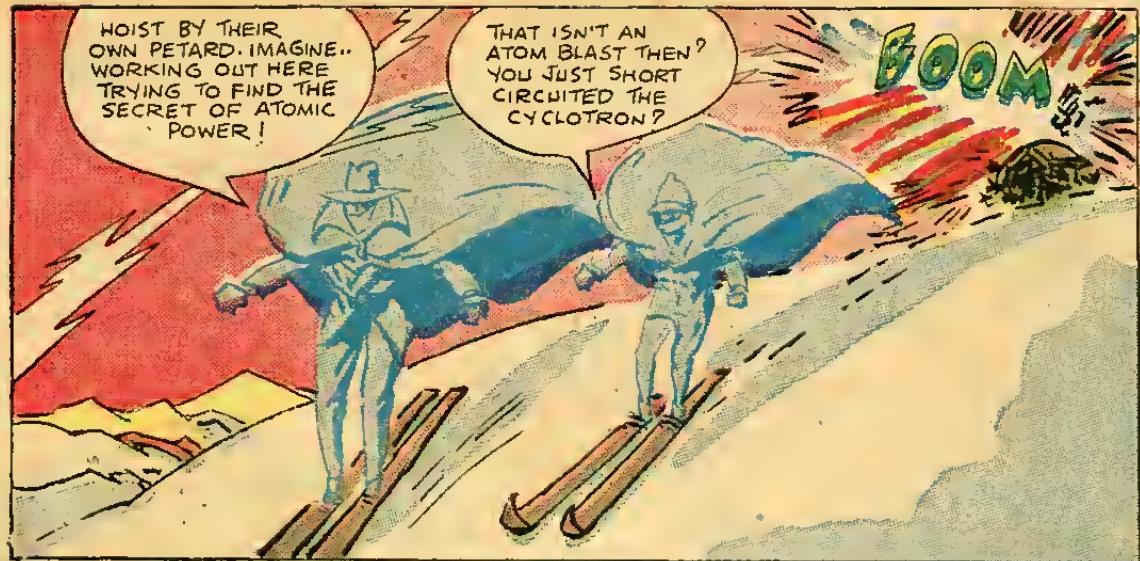
AIE! LOOK...
THE NEVER...
IT IS GOING
DOWN... OUT.
GET OUT
EVERYONE!

DONNY! HURRY...
COME ON...
FOLLOW ME!

THEIR SKIS, SIR!
THEY'RE OUR
ONLY CHANCE

RIGHT,
YOU
ARE!

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